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Stars of wonder, shining bright

Pupils from Morningside School performed dance numbers and provided the music for this year's Hackney festive light switch-on film

TRADITIONALLY, the borough's festive light switch-on takes place on the steps of the Town Hall.

That event is cancelled due to the pandemic, but in its place, the Council has released an inspiring

seasonal film. Alongside messages from Rabbi Gluck and Reverend Rosemia Brown among others,

there is steelpan music and home-made lanterns from Morningside School, a Hanukkah song from Simon

Marks School Choir and dance moves from The Crib Youth Club.

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COVID CASES RISING

THE national lockdown ended this month and Hackney went back to Tier 2 with the rest of London. However cases are still rising across the capital and the virus is still as dangerous as before.

In spite of the recent lockdown, the rate in Hackney and the City is now 181 per 100,000 people (week ending 4 December), up

from 138 per 100,000 the week before. Most cases are now being diagnosed among residents aged 20 to 39.

The wards with the highest number of household clusters (22 November to 5 December) were Haggerston and Stoke Newington. There has also been an increase in hospital admissions across North East London.

As cases of coronavirus are rising again in Hackney, residents are urged to remain cautious and keep following 'Hands, Face, Space'. People with symptoms such as a cough, fever or loss of smell, however mild, must self isolate immediately and book a test by calling 119, downloading the NHS covid-19 app or going to: nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney, said: "Coronavirus has hit Hackney hard over the past year, with many tragic deaths, and we are sadly still seeing high levels of infection in the borough.

"So we must all continue to use that renowned Hackney spirit to keep each other safe."

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CYBERATTACK UPDATE

A serious cyberattack is still affecting Council services, which may be disrupted or slower than usual. For the latest information, visit: hackney.gov.uk/service-status



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The danger remains

Coronavirus is still a threat despite the end of lockdown

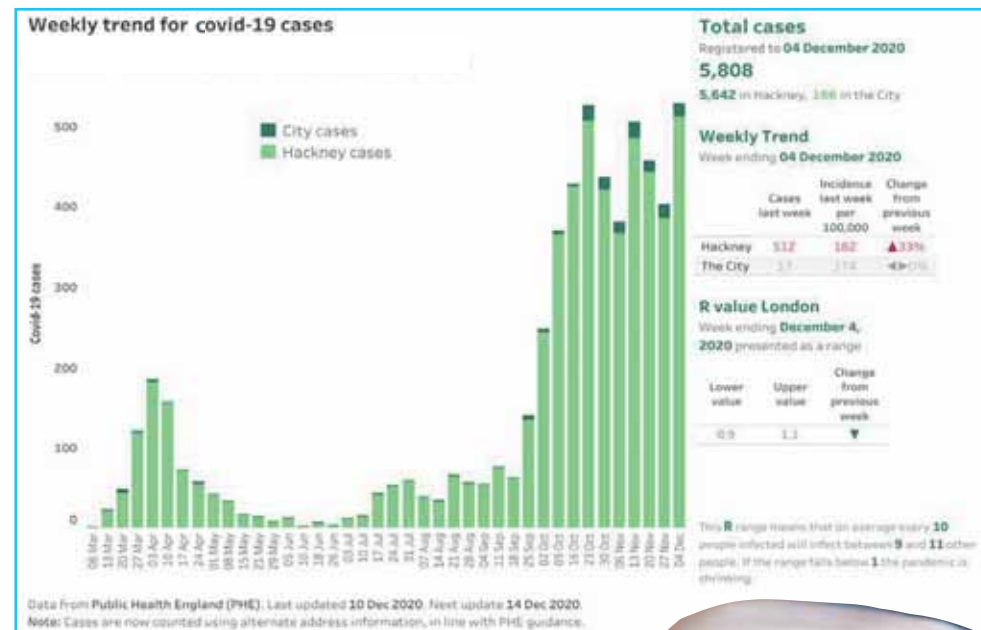
THE new Tier 2 guidelines mean some businesses can now reopen, but there are still some restrictions in place. London also risks going into stricter Tier 3 restrictions if cases continue to rise. People also risk continuing to spread the infection and possibly harming others, if they don't stick to the guidelines.

Businesses throughout the borough have invested huge amounts of time and money to ensure their venues are safe for their staff and customers, and we are asking residents to play their part in protecting the lives of others and the future of our business community by sticking rigidly to the restrictions in place.

Face masks must be worn in all retail, hospitality and entertainment venues except for when consuming food and drink at a table.

You must not meet up with anyone outside your household or support bubble in indoor settings like restaurants, pubs or bars.

Failing to adhere to this restriction could not only



result in you receiving a fine but you could cause the venue you are in to receive one too.

You must keep a safe distance, preferably two metres, from anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

You must wash or sanitise your hands regularly.

MORE INFO

Book a coronavirus test if you have symptoms by calling **119**, downloading the NHS Covid-19 app or visiting: nhs.uk/coronavirus

Graph: dashboard showing weekly trend of cases for City and Hackney to 4 December

Data: Public Health England

Covid-19 vaccination programme rolled out across the UK

THE Government has started to roll out a countrywide coronavirus vaccination programme.

This is the result of the hard work of thousands of scientists across the world, rigorous testing and clinical trials and, finally, approval of vaccines by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency.

Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health, pictured right, said: "Covid-19 has been devastating, but we have learnt a lot about how to protect ourselves by social

distancing and how to better treat people with covid-19 illness. Now we have one of the most powerful tools against the virus – a highly effective vaccine.

"Although we still need to take precautions to prevent the virus from spreading, having the vaccine is the most effective way of protecting people from the serious

impacts of covid-19 infection. So, if the NHS offers you or a loved one the vaccine then please do take up the offer.

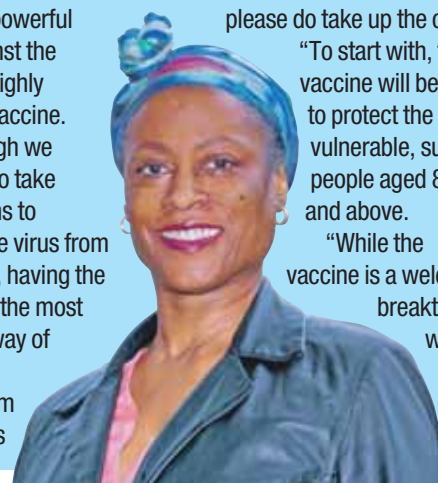
"To start with, the vaccine will be used to protect the most vulnerable, such as people aged 80 and above.

"While the vaccine is a welcome breakthrough, we must

continue to practice hands, face, space and stick to the coronavirus guidance."

Further details on the programme will be available soon. The first cohort of those eligible for the vaccine are those over 80 years old, care home staff and other frontline health and care workers.

Hackney residents will start to receive the vaccine from 15 December. People will be contacted by the NHS once they become eligible with information on how to receive the vaccine.



Local restrictions will be back in place on 28 December and cover New Year's Eve. Fireworks in London have been cancelled this year

**COVID-19
UPDATE**

Ways to keep safe

- **Keep a safe distance from others. Stay two metres apart from people you do not live with as much as possible.**
- Wherever you cannot keep a safe distance from others, wear a face covering. It is legally required to wear a face covering on public transport and in shops.
- **Wash your hands frequently and carry hand sanitiser when you are out.**
- When meeting people you don't live with, you must do so outdoors.
- **Make sure indoor venues have good ventilation; open windows and doors when you can to allow fresh air to circulate.**
- If you develop covid-19 symptoms (high fever, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell) then self-isolate immediately and request a test as soon as you can.
- **If you are over 60 or clinically vulnerable, you could be at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. You should therefore be especially careful to follow the London Tier 2 rules and to minimise your contact with others.**

IF YOU are clinically extremely vulnerable, then the Government is no longer advising you to work from home and to stay at home as much as possible.

However, their advice is still that you should limit the amount of contact you have with other people as much as possible, and try to reduce the amount of time you spend in places where it's difficult to maintain a good two-metre distance from others.

The Government is in the process of writing to everyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable with more detailed advice.

CHRISTMAS will be very different this year as coronavirus cases still remain high across our local communities, as well as throughout the country.

Even with the limited relaxations of the rules and limited initial vaccinations, residents are being urged to strictly follow social distancing rules and consider delaying family get-togethers until late 2021.

Alternatively, getting together online may be the best way of keeping everyone safe, especially where family members have underlying health conditions or are shielding, as the virus is still deadly, and can also make people very ill.

The covid-19 regulations have been amended to enable up to three households to form exclusive 'bubbles' over Christmas in the UK, during the five-day period 23 to 27 December.

These three households will form a 'Christmas bubble', which must be exclusive. Each person can only belong to one bubble and, once formed, the bubble cannot include other people or households and will not be able to visit pubs or restaurants together.

Think carefully about who is in your Christmas bubble and whether any of them are at particularly high risk from covid-19, such as older friends or relatives. To reduce the risk to them, try hard to reduce your contact with other people before you go into your bubble on 23 December.

People in a Christmas bubble can mix in homes, places of worship and outdoor spaces, and travel restrictions will also be eased. The Christmas bubble of three households can stay overnight at each other's homes, but cannot visit pubs, restaurants, or hotels, theatres or shops together.

Children under-18 whose parents do not live together may be part of

Celebrate online or delay family get-togethers until later in 2021

Have a covid-safe Christmas

Coronavirus cases remain high in Hackney and in other parts of the country so it is advised to delay celebrating despite amended regulations

both parents' Christmas bubbles, if their parents choose to form separate bubbles. Nobody else should be in two bubbles.

Dr Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health, said: "Christmas will be very different for everyone this year, even though we are allowed to meet a limited number of our loved ones face to face for a five-day period.

"The virus will not be taking a break and vaccinations will still be some months away for most people.

"We must think carefully before meeting people, as the more we mix the more likely we are to transmit or catch coronavirus – a virus

that is still able to make people very ill and be life-threatening for older and clinically vulnerable people.

"If you are forming a Christmas bubble, make sure you strictly follow the guidance and clean touch points – such as door handles and light switches – often; keep rooms in your home ventilated; maintain as much physical distance as you can at all times, ideally two metres; and ensure people are regularly washing their hands."

Mayor of Hackney Philip Glanville said: "I would like to thank all of

our residents, businesses and those who work in Hackney for the changes they have made and the community spirit shown over the past year.

"Moving from lockdown to Tier 2 is a welcome step, but not a return to normal. We are seeing cases rise in London and residents have continued to lose their lives in recent weeks. We must remain steadfast and carry on practising hands, face, space and keeping to the guidelines, if possible staying close to home, shopping safely and locally and avoiding crowds. Doing this will save lives and avoid further restrictions now or in the new year.

"Thankfully, hope is now in sight with the vaccine, but we have to keep working together until that has been fully rolled out to make sure our friends, family and communities are kept safe."

Have your say on covid vaccination survey

THE NHS has started to roll out covid-19 vaccinations, starting with the most vulnerable people such as those over 80. All vaccines available on the NHS have been tested to make sure they're safe and effective. However there is growing

anecdotal feedback of vaccine hesitancy and misinformation, which is likely to have an impact on the number of people who take up the vaccine. Hackney Council wants to find out more about this, and hear from residents

to help inform the Council's local public health campaigns. Comment on the survey, and take part in an online focus group where you can receive a £20 voucher. For more details, visit: consultation.hackney.gov.uk

MORE INFO

For full guidance, visit: gov.uk/coronavirus

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Cllr Jon Burke with one of the traffic planters in the London Fields

Rebuilding a Greener Hackney: have your say!

LOCKDOWN changed the way people get around – with more people walking, cycling and shopping in their local area.

The Council is introducing low traffic

neighbourhoods and 40 new School Streets to help rebuild a cleaner, greener Hackney in the wake of the pandemic.

All of the new measures are being introduced

on a trial basis using experimental traffic orders, with residents' feedback taken into account alongside traffic monitoring before any decision is made on

whether or not to make them permanent.

Find out more and have your say on all of the schemes at: rebuildingagreenerhackney.commonplace.is

THE introduction of low traffic neighbourhoods in Hackney has not caused a rise in traffic levels at nearby monitoring sites on five main A-and-B roads, early analysis of Transport for London (TfL) traffic data shows.

The analysis uses data from five TfL traffic count monitoring sites in the borough: Mare Street at its junction with Brenthouse Road; the A10 at its junctions with Richmond Road and Walford Road; Homerton High Street and Albion Road (see box below).

At each, data points to a significant drop in traffic levels during the first

lockdown this year, which rose again from May 2020 and reached near 2019 levels by August, largely before the introduction of low traffic neighbourhoods in Hackney.

In addition to this early monitoring, the Council installed over 270 automatic traffic counters last month to monitor traffic over a seven-day period. This will be repeated early in the new year. It will also be installing approximately 20 permanent, continuous counters on strategic roads to supplement existing TfL counters in order to monitor longer term trends.



Mare Street monitoring location of low traffic neighbourhood

Clear views

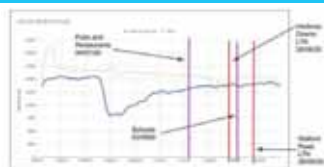
Positive results from monitoring of low traffic neighbourhoods

Cllr Jon Burke, Cabinet Member for Energy, Waste, Transport and Public Realm, said: "While we're encouraged by these initial findings on five key main roads in the borough, which show no significant change in traffic levels after the introduction of the new low traffic neighbourhoods, there is more work to be done to measure traffic levels on other roads to identify if changes have taken place.

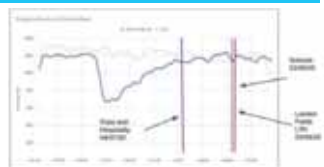
"That's why we are also rolling out more monitoring equipment to locations across the borough that do not currently have it.

"I'd urge residents to continue to have their say at the Rebuilding a Greener Hackney website, so we can continue to adapt and improve schemes, while creating cleaner, greener neighbourhoods and supporting local people to walk, cycle and shop locally during the pandemic."

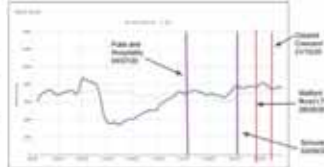
Data analysis of the traffic count monitoring sites in the borough by TfL



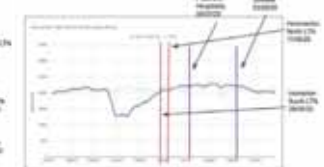
At the A10 (**Stoke Newington Road**) junction with Walford Road, traffic has remained below 2019 levels, with no obvious impact caused by the introduction of the Hackney Downs low traffic neighbourhood or filters in the Walford Road area.



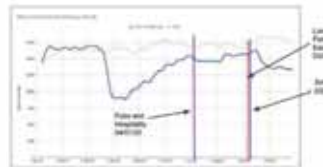
At the A10 (**Kingsland Road**) junction with Richmond Road, traffic levels are largely in line with those from last year, with no obvious impact caused by the introduction of the London Fields low traffic neighbourhood.



On **Albion Road**, traffic levels were already higher than 2019 at the start of the school term, but then dropped to near 2019 levels after the introduction of traffic filters in the Walford Road area and on Clissold Crescent.



On **Homerton High Street**, traffic levels remained broadly in line with 2019 levels. After a slight increase following the introduction of traffic filters in the area, traffic dipped back below 2019 levels in October.



At the **Mare Street** junction with Brenthouse Road, numbers of vehicles have remained largely below 2019 levels throughout the year, with a further drop after the introduction of the London Fields low traffic neighbourhood.

MORE INFO

The full data can be viewed at: news.hackney.gov.uk/ltm-traffic-data

School Streets at Bethnal and St Scholastica's

NEW School Streets have been launched at Bethnal and St Scholastica's primary schools to help children walk and cycle to school and improve road safety at the school gates.

With the school run accounting for a fifth of

London's morning traffic, the new School Streets will also help more parents leave their cars at home, improving air quality in the morning.

The two new School Streets are two of 40 the Council is introducing at primary schools in the

borough, as part of its plans to rebuild a greener Hackney in the wake of the pandemic.

They will operate between 8.30-9.30am, and 3-4pm during school term time.

Residents can view the plans and have their say at: rebuildingagreenerhackney.commonplace.is

Dalston Lane traffic lights work resumes

TfL work to modernise traffic lights at the A10 junction with Dalston Lane and Balls Pond Road has resumed this month, and is expected to last until 7 March.

Work stopped at the site, which has had temporary traffic lights for much of this year, after the start of the pandemic

and has been contributing to delays in the area.

Following additional congestion in the first week of roadworks, the Council has been working closely with TfL to mitigate delays.

TfL's contractor

has agreed to begin weekend working to reduce disruption and traffic light timings nearby have been adjusted to help reduce congestion.

To find out more, see: hackney.gov.uk/roadworks



THE name of a slave owner has been removed from entrance signs to a local park in the first action of the Council's review into the naming of landmarks and public spaces.

The removal of the Cassland Road Gardens signs, which took place on Saturday 5 December, was the first recommendation by a community steering group made up of local cultural historians, community leaders, young people and other residents, following the launch of the review earlier this year.

The Council will start a process with local residents in January to consider a new name for the park.

Cassland Road Gardens was named after Sir John Cass – a politician and director of the Royal African Company making substantial profits from the enslavement of African people in the 16th and 17th centuries. Documents show that he was on the 'committee of correspondence' who dealt directly with slaving agents and made decisions on the life and death of slaves.

The removal of the signs was in the presence of the Mayor of Hackney Philip Glanville, Cllr Carole

Sign of the times

Cassland Road Gardens signs with slave links removed after review

Williams, Cabinet Member for Employment, Skills and Human Resources, and members of the Community Steering Group set up by the Council to oversee the review.

Mayor Glanville said: "This is a historic and moving moment for Hackney and demonstrates our commitment to inclusivity in our borough. As we reckon with our past, we can now look to the future, and thanks to

"This is a historic and moving moment for Hackney and demonstrates our commitment to inclusivity"

the collaborative efforts of the Steering Group, residents and Council staff, we can look forward to naming our public spaces after people that better reflect our pride in our diversity."

Jermain Jackman, chair of Hackney Young Futures Commission, said: "I think I can speak for most Hackney residents when I say we no longer want signs named after slave traders or people who have

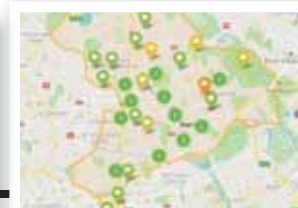
created crimes against humanity. We want to create place names where people can feel comfortable and proud. As a descendant of a slave, I did not feel comfortable in Cassland Road Gardens and I want to thank the community for helping us making this significant step."

Residents are now invited to suggest names via the new Hackney Naming Hub – an online platform to collect names of hidden

histories within Hackney. The hub seeks to address under representation in the public realm and positively acknowledge diverse and migrant communities, women, LGBTQI+, disabled people, and the working classes.

MORE INFO

See above or call: **020 8356 4501** and via email to: **naminghub@hackney.gov.uk**



Naming Hub open for ideas

THE Council's new Hackney Naming Hub is an invitation to the public to submit ideas for names of future roads, buildings, parks and other public spaces and make the borough more inclusive. Its newly launched online platform provides an interactive map (above) that will act as a knowledge bank for new, inclusive names that can be used by the Council and developers. Names put forward should have a Hackney connection and reflect its values of equality, anti-racism, innovation and community activism. To take part, visit: **hackneynaminghub.commonplace.is**



Left: Jermain Jackman. Top: (from left) Lucy Capes, Jermain, Mayor Glanville, Cllr Carole Williams, Ngoma Bishop and Toyin Agbetu

Photo: Wayne Crichton



Council services – festive season opening hours

HACKNEY Council services will have limited availability over the Christmas period. For the latest changes, or for other services, make sure to check our website.

Hackney Service Centre, Self Service Payment Centre and Contact Centre
You can pay council bills, report problems, apply for services and find information, including details about parking and library renewals, quickly and easily at:

hackney.gov.uk.
You can also pay council bills by calling: **020 8356 5050**. Please have your credit or debit card details and reference number available.

For emergencies, call: **020 8356 3000**.

Hackney domestic abuse intervention service (DAIS)
The DAIS team will be providing a service as usual until 5pm on 24 December (on 25, 28 December and 1 January the service will be closed).

On 29-31 December, a limited duty line will be open on **020 8356 4458** and **020 8356 4459**.

Registration services
The emergency death out-of-hours service is for the purpose of same-day burials taking place in England and Wales. For families wishing to take the body abroad, authorisation has to be given by Poplar Coroners, which may take up to four working days. For customers wishing to access the emergency

service, please contact us on: **0208 356 3355** or: **0208 356 3809** during the specified hours of operation. For an appointment to register a death, visit: **hackney.gov.uk/death-registering**. Contact: **registrars@hackney.gov.uk** or: **0208 356 3809** for any queries.

Parking enforcement (on-street and CCTV)
Call: **020 8356 7555** for any parking enforcement issues when the contact centre is closed. CCTV

enforcement will be 24/7 throughout the festive period (for example: no entry restrictions, one way, yellow box junction, pedestrian zones and more), except for bus lanes, which will not be enforced on Christmas Day.

Hackney libraries
All libraries will close on 23 December at 6pm, and reopen on 5 January at 11am.

For more, see: **hackney.gov.uk/festive-season-opening-times**.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas.
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feature

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THIS year, Hackney's festive lights and Menorahs were switched on, but without the usual annual crowds because of, you guessed it – covid-19.

So instead, the Council has created a film featuring community contributors to help raise much-needed cheer – at a safe distance.

Launched on 10 December to coincide with Hanukkah, the film features messages from Rabbi Gluck, Reverend Al Gordon, Reverend Rosemia Brown, Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, and Speaker of Hackney, Cllr Kam Adams.

There is steelpan music and home-made lanterns from Morningside

School, alongside a Hanukkah song sung by Simon Marks School Choir, while young people from the Crib Youth Club show off their dance moves.

Mayor Glanville said: "While we can't be together this year, our festive film will help keep us connected after what's been a challenging 2020. "I'm glad to see that

even in times of adversity, we're able to demonstrate creativity and share cultural pastimes to help unite us over the festive season."

MORE INFO

The seasonal film is available to watch on lovehackney.uk and on the Council's social channels



The film features messages from local leaders and performances from Morningside School, Simon Marks School and Crib Youth Club

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CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Undertaken by Hackney Education - Consultation Period Monday 14 December 2020 to Sunday 24 January 2021

Hackney Education is proposing the following changes to the admission arrangements for community schools for the school year 2022/23:

- To treat children who were previously in state care outside of England on an equal footing to those children looked after and previously looked after by a local authority in England.
- That in the case of children of crown servants, a private address (in addition to a Unit or quartering address, which LA's are required to accept) can be used as the child's home address to allocate a school place in advance of the family moving to the address but that no further advantage should be given to the children of Crown Servants.
- That the sibling rule for primary schools should no longer discount families who have moved nearer to the school, since the last child was offered a place, even if they live more than the current 0.75 miles distance threshold from the school following the move.
- That the published admission number, (the number of children to be admitted into a reception class each year), will be reduced in the schools listed below:

Harrington Hill	reducing from 60 to 30
Gayhurst	reducing from 75 to 60
Mandeville	reducing from 60 to 45
Randal Cremer	reducing from 60 to 45
Thomas Fairchild	reducing from 60 to 30

Hackney Education is also seeking views on whether:

- (1) the current priority for children of teachers at community primary schools should be extended to include all staff employed by the school and to also apply to community secondary schools.
- (2) the School Admission Forum should cease to operate.


There are no changes proposed to the schemes to co-ordinate Reception, Year 7 and In Year admissions but you can still make comments.

The governing bodies of voluntary aided schools are required to consult on the admission arrangements they are proposing, if these include any changes from previous years or if there has been no consultation for the last seven years. Similarly, the Academy Trusts (proprietors) of academies are required to consult if they are proposing changes to the academy admission arrangements or if there has been no consultation for the last seven years.

The consultation is open for response by the parents of all children between the ages of two and eighteen, religious authorities operating faith schools in Hackney, other individuals or groups in Hackney with an interest (for example, community groups), neighbouring local authorities and the governing bodies of all schools in Hackney save for independent schools.

The proposed admission arrangements for community schools in Hackney and for voluntary aided schools/academies proposing changes within this timetable can be viewed and downloaded at education.hackney.gov.uk/content/admissions-consultation or a paper copy of the documents can be requested at admissions@hackney.gov.uk

To respond to the consultation please complete the response form online at: education.hackney.gov.uk/content/admissions-consultation

 If any person(s) wish to meet to discuss the proposed admission arrangements, please contact us at admissions@hackney.gov.uk or telephone 020 8820 7577. Meetings will take place remotely via Google and accommodate a maximum of 10 per meeting.

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HACKNEY residents are being urged to 'Talk, Tap, Time, Tell' to help people they see sleeping rough this winter as this year's rough sleeper count identified 18 people on Hackney's streets.

The four steps give residents simple ways to make a positive difference to help people they see sleeping rough, in a year where the coronavirus pandemic has made supporting those who have found themselves street homeless harder than ever.

Below, Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Deputy Mayor and Hackney Council's lead on rough sleeping, and Sabrina Pathan, from the Council's rough sleeping outreach team, explain why this year is such a challenge, and what you can do to help.

Help rough sleepers

Four simple steps for residents to support people they see sleeping rough on Hackney's streets

Help someone sleeping rough



Follow the four Ts

TALK: A smile or 'hello' can make a big difference, to help someone feel less invisible and part of the community.

TAP: Help financially by donating £3 to Tap London's contactless donation points – money goes to the Mayor of London's rough sleeping fund, which supports local charities.

While many public buildings are closed, you can still donate online at: taplondon.org

TIME: Find out about local volunteering opportunities at: hackney.gov.uk/rough-sleeping

TELL: If you see someone bedding down outside, let our outreach workers know via the StreetLink app (streetlink.org.uk) or direct them to the Greenhouse in Tudor Road, E9, the Council's one-stop shop for advice and services for people facing homelessness.

BEHIND THE SCENES

Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing Needs and Supply



ON THE FRONTLINE

Sabrina Pathan, Rough Sleeping Manager



“AS OUR team of volunteers and outreach workers began the annual rough sleeping count recently, we'd already been preparing for our most challenging period ever in tackling street homelessness.”

The 18 people identified at this year's count – all of whom we had already been working to support – are on top of more than 100 rough sleepers living in emergency accommodation that we have provided throughout the pandemic.

At the beginning of the crisis, we were supporting over 200 people in emergency accommodation, to make sure those sleeping rough, or at risk of sleeping rough, had a safe place to live.

Back then I was already warning the Government not to lose this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to end rough sleeping – by providing the funding needed to make sure 'Everyone In' became everyone in for good, but also by focusing on the wider issues behind street homelessness like mental health, substance abuse and trauma.

If you are worried that you are at risk of becoming homeless, contact the Council's Benefits and Housing Needs Service to discuss your options. For more, visit: hackney.gov.uk/homelessness

Which is why it's so disappointing that the Government's Protect Programme, which aims to maintain the 'Everyone In' commitment into this winter, has provided no direct funding at all for Hackney. At the same time, the Government has chosen to press forward with legislation which threatens deportation for non UK nationals found sleeping rough – an inhumane act which we will not be supporting. We will be

delighted to work with them to secure funding and a lease with Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association.

This means self-contained rooms will be available at one venue in a covid-secure environment. We've also booked a hotel to enable us to continue this work and provide intensive in-house support while helping people move on to long-term accommodation.

Our outreach team are working tirelessly, carrying out

“We will still do everything we can to get people in off the streets, even as much of our normal additional winter accommodation isn't suitable”

doing everything we can to get people in off the streets as the nights become colder, even as coronavirus means much of our normal additional winter accommodation isn't suitable.

Our partner, Hackney Winter Night Shelter, usually opens up in buildings across the borough, offering beds and a warm meal to those on the street. It just isn't safe to do that this year, so we were

assessments on the street and constantly finding new ways of working in a covid-safe way. We've also worked with the GLA to reopen No Second Night Out as an assessment day centre to support those at risk of becoming rough sleepers, and The Greenhouse remains open as a one stop shop for support for single homeless people.

“TACKLING rough sleeping is about far more than finding someone on the street and giving them a place to live.”

In most cases, people need much more than simply a roof over their head – they need support from a range of different professional and voluntary services, whether its healthcare, addiction support, or mental health services.

A shift can start as early as 5.30am – the best time to find someone at their sleep site.

Many of our referrals come from members of the public using the StreetLink app (tip: be as specific as you can about the location and appearance of the person, it'll help us find them quicker). Once located, the work begins to clarify who a person is, how they ended up on the streets, and whether they would like to come indoors.

Sometimes we know about them already, but they might have been unwilling to engage with us. At other times they are unknown, so we need to work out why they are where they are. In either case, we try to build a bond with them until they're ready to take up support.

Someone may accept the offer of support instantly, but

sometimes it can take months or years. This can involve setting up appointments with other agencies or sitting with them to discuss benefit claims (especially important with services increasingly online), or accompanying them to appointments, until we can move them into accommodation once it is secured. But the relationship doesn't end there. Once that bond of trust is established, we'll continue to check in to make sure the

“This winter is set to be more difficult than ever, so any support you can give when you see someone sleeping rough is a huge help”

person is happy and well in their new home.

For those with mental health issues, our team now includes a dedicated mental health social worker, who will visit them and carry out an assessment to determine what help they need. A key part of this work is judging the capacity of someone to decline offers of help. Difficult though it is to understand, some people will opt for the perceived safety and familiarity of life on the streets over the unknown of

options for accommodation. All we can do is try and persuade people to take these offers up – we have no power to force people into them. We will never give up on someone and will keep working with them until they feel able to take up the offer of accommodation that is there.

But we always do everything we can, by working to what we call 'trauma-informed principles' – an understanding that a lifetime of adversity can lead to deep mistrust and emotional

and behavioural barriers to engaging with services.

In an incredibly challenging year that has seen the work of homelessness teams heavily scrutinised, I'm proud of the professionalism, passion and persistence our team has shown.

But this winter is set to be more difficult than ever, so any support you can give when you see someone sleeping rough is a huge help.



HACKNEY residents and businesses are being urged to give what they can to make sure no one goes hungry this Christmas by donating to The Hackney Festive Food Fund.

Hackney's community food hub supplies have fallen dangerously low as the pandemic sees more people in need.

By donating cash online (see box) or delivering food to one of the three food hubs across Hackney, residents can help fill the gap in demand.

Hackney's community food hubs serve over 20 local food groups, which work with the Council to make sure help reaches those who need it most.

Money raised will help them to continue to deliver over 3,000 hot meals and 2,000 food parcels per week. This community-led food response, also provides culturally and dietary-specific food as well as signposting to community networks for longer-term support.

Cllr Chris Kennedy, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure said: "The winter months can be harder for vulnerable people and the pandemic has increased the needs of those without.

"During the first lockdown, I was moved by Hackney's generosity as many rushed to help.

"However, many charities are seeing a downturn in donations this year, as their usual donation routes aren't available.

"By joining forces with local charities and community groups, we hope to rekindle the community spirit of earlier in the year."

Claire Ferrigi, community engagement and facilities managing director of The Boiler House Community Space & Charity, said:

Santa's helpers

Hackney Festive Food Fund will ensure nobody goes hungry this winter



Volunteers from The Boiler House charity with donations for the borough's food hubs

"Christmas will be a very hard time for some families and we hope to spread some festive cheer.

"With everybody's help, we would like to give families a Christmas hamper to see them through the festive period, along with essentials and some festive trimmings we all enjoy at this time of year."

MORE INFO

For more details, visit: bit.ly/HackneyFoodFund

How you can help

DROP off food to one of the three local hubs, see below. Items most needed are: rice, pasta, dried beans, pounded yam, tinned food, breakfast cereals, UHT milk, tea and coffee, toiletries such as toothpaste, toilet rolls, tissues, period products and nappies, festive treats and sweets.

Hackney's Food Hubs: dates and times

HACKNEY CITY FARM FOOD HUB

Hackney City Farm, 1a Goldsmiths Row, E2 8QA

Dates: until 18 December (Thursdays and Fridays only)
22 December
7-15 January (Thursdays and Fridays only)
Times: 10am-2pm on all open days.

SKYLINE FOOD HUB

Redmond Community Centre, Kayani Avenue, Woodberry Down, N4 2HF

Dates: until 18 December (Thursdays & Fridays only)
22 December
7-15 January (Thursdays and Fridays only)
Times: 10am-2pm on all open days.

MORNINGSIDE AND GASCOYNE FOOD HUB

Morningside Community Centre, Cresset Rd, Hackney, E9 6SJ

Dates: until 18 December (Thursdays and Fridays only)
22 December
7-15 January (Thursdays and Fridays only)
Times: 10am-2pm on all open days.



Make a cash donation

PEOPLE can make a cash donation online (see web address below). The donations will help:

£10 will top up a grocery bag so that households have fresh fruit and vegetables

£20 provides an older person with essential food for a week

£35 will feed a family of four for one week

£150 will feed a family of four for a month with a little extra for festive treats.

To donate, visit: bit.ly/HackneyFoodFund

Christmas will be especially challenging this year. Support is available over the holidays

Silent nights

2020 has been unprecedented in the hardship that it has brought

CHRISTMAS is supposed to be a time for joy and laughter, but this past year has left us all feeling distressed and anxious in one way or another.

It is understandable that stress levels will be even more heightened in the next few weeks during the festive season.

But it's also important to remember that Christmas is a fleeting moment in the grand scheme of things at this time.

So you should not place too much pressure or judgement on yourself. Taking care of your mental and physical well-being is more important than anything else – your immune system depends on it.

Feelings of isolation and loneliness will be widespread for a lot of residents at this time as social distancing rules are still being enforced.

If you are feeling alone right now – it's helpful to know when and where

support is available if you find yourself struggling over the coming holidays.

And while the virus hasn't gone away, there are reasons to be hopeful for the new year as the vaccine begins to be rolled out.

In the meantime, we should try to practise self-care and be kind to ourselves, and to those around us who are also fighting their own private battles.

It may also help to pick up the phone and call someone who you know is on their own this Christmas or has lost someone close to them this year.

We would like to remind our readers of local support helplines that may be of use in a crisis this Christmas.

Remember to contact your GP if you believe your mental health has suffered during this year and you need a helping hand.

We know that domestic abuse spikes around the holidays – please call 999 if you ever feel that you or your family members are in immediate danger.



Need a new mood-booster?

- Write down your thoughts and feelings, as writing can help to boost your mood. If you are struggling for ideas, perhaps you can write about one good thing from your day.
- Make connections with your support networks, talk to the upbeat people in your life who will listen to you attentively. Don't wait for them to contact you. Most people will be pleased you made contact.
- Read a poem, listen to a song or read a favourite scripture that gives you comfort.
- If you can, try and spend some time outdoors every day, even if it is on the balcony, or in the garden. Take some deep breaths in the outside air.
- When you go for a walk, look for beauty in small things, like bursts of distinctive bird song.

Charmaine Pollard is a counsellor based in Hackney

Support helplines

MENTAL HEALTH: contact the 24-hour City & Hackney helpline on: 020 8432 8020.

Text the word 'SHOUT' to '85258' to be put in touch with a trained Crisis Volunteer at this 24-hour crisis text service.

The Mind charity will operate an infoline throughout the holiday period on: 0300 123 3393. Opening hours:
Thursday 24 December – open 9am-6pm
Friday 25 December – closed
Monday 28 December – closed
Tuesday 29 December – open 9am-6pm
Wednesday 30 December – open 9am-6pm
Thursday 31 December – open 9am-6pm
Friday 1 January – closed

THE COVID-19 HELPLINE: will be open 29, 30 and 31 December. Call: 020 8356 3111.

CHILDREN'S SAFEGUARDING: 0208 356 5500/FAST@hackney.gov.uk. Out of hours is: 0208 356 2710.

ADULT SAFEGUARDING: 020 8356 5782/adultprotection@hackney.gov.uk.

DOMESTIC ABUSE: National Domestic Violence (NDV) provides a free 24-hour helpline for females experiencing domestic abuse including assistance accessing refuge spaces on: 0808 2000 247. Men's Advice Line provides specialist support for men on: 0808 801 0327. For emergencies call the police on 999. For the DAIS, see p5.

SHELTER: Emergency support 9am-5pm on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and 28 December. The helpline is: 0808 800 4444.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: St Joseph's offers bereavement support and counselling to Hackney residents, individually or with other family members. Contact: 0300 3030 0400/stjosephs.firstcontact@nhs.net – they are open 29, 30 and 31 December.



Breaking the sound of silence: Hackney Social Radio returns

HACKNEY Social Radio – a local radio station aimed at combating loneliness for older people – is back for a second season, on air every Wednesday from 11am-12noon.

Launched in the first lockdown and supported by Hackney Council and Connect Hackney, Hackney Social Radio is Immediate Theatre's answer to connecting with older residents who may feel isolated in lockdown. It is free to listen on 104.4 Resonance FM.

The successful pilot series saw 12,300 listeners tune in to 15 episodes featuring music, poetry, interviews with residents, councillors and experts from Hackney's cultural calendar such as Hackney Carnival and Black History Season.

Continuing the theme of lively conversations and health advice from NHS doctors, series two will feature a new 'I love Hackney' section inviting listeners to share local memories with regular hosts Sue Elliott-Nichols, Janet, Sharon and DJ Frank Kaos.

Hackney Social Radio's return comes thanks to funding from

HACKNEY Social Radio
Wednesdays 11am-12pm
104.4 FM
Resonance

Join Immediate Theatre every Wednesday 11am-12pm by tuning into Resonance 104.4 FM

the Henry Smith Charity, Arts Council England and DCMS, and will see the project through to July 2021.

Jo Carter, artistic director of Immediate Theatre, said: "I am over the moon that Hackney Social Radio is back. The feedback from the first series was so positive with listeners telling us how it helped to make them feel part of the community even when stuck at home."

"Our team of volunteers is growing and they are keen to get down to work. In the new series we are hoping to hear lots of new voices and engage with more isolated older people, helping them to feel they are contributing to our wonderful borough."

Visit: immediate-theatre.com/work/hackney-social-radio

Catch a comedy cabaret while wrapping gifts

COMEDY cabaret Big Wowie! and Grow Hackney will host a free online Christmas special on Tuesday 22 December. All 100 per cent of donations will go to Hackney Winter Night Shelter. The 8pm-10pm event is also a '2020 Wrap Party', encouraging everyone to wrap presents together while they watch Big Wowie!'s 'crazy bunch of characters' in their virtual room, along with pre-recorded video and live interactive performances. So that's two hours of gift-wrapping at home with a fun line-up of entertainment – all for a good cause. Make sure to register on Zoom beforehand. Visit: bigwowiecomedy.com for more information.





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 www.hackney.gov.uk/furniture
020 8519 6264



Mayor's column

Follow the rules to enjoy safe festivities with loved ones

WE COME together now at the end of this year like no other, reflecting on all that we've lost but also all that we've done. We've seen huge outpourings of hope from our community and the incredible response of Hackney's key workers and our NHS heroes. I want to thank them, and you, for the collective effort we've all made to keep Hackney safe this year. Turning the page on 2020, I'm filled with a hope about what 2021 will bring. Hopefully, next year, we will all be together and able to celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah in person with our families, friends and neighbours.

But while this year will still be different, and comes at the end of an incredibly challenging year, I hope you are able to spend restful time with your loved ones.

Of course, it's crucially important that we all do that in a safe way, following the special rules that have been put in place over the Christmas period. You can read more about what is and is not allowed on the dedicated wrap around this newspaper, and on p1-3. Please, please read and follow these rules – they are there to allow everyone some time with their loved ones, but not to put them at risk.

The next week is going to be crucial, and while nobody wants London to move into Tier 3 restrictions or for another national lockdown, coronavirus cases continue to rise in Hackney and across the capital. We must not let our guard down now, or let the routines we've become accustomed to – hands, face, space – slip as we ease into the festive period. Hackney businesses are struggling and have also been part of our collective response. We need them to continue to be covid safe, so if you do go shopping please respect the rules and shop locally. Over the next few weeks Hackney will be supporting the rollout of increased testing, and this week we will see the first residents vaccinated. I know that it can feel really confusing about what is happening, when, and why. We will do our best to keep you informed via our e-newsletter, local GPs, website and social media so please pay attention – it will help us end this pandemic and save lives.

I'm proud to represent a diverse borough with a rich history of anti-racism, and the other major event of this year that has had such a personal effect on me is the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement. It has inspired me and so many other people in Hackney, and as a Council we have committed to actively fight racism and tackle inequality.

But this issue needs action not just words. I was proud to join representatives from our Community Steering Group to remove the name of John Cass from entrance signs to public gardens earlier this month, which you can read more about on p5. Cass was a slave owner who made his fortune from the enslavement of African people, and I believe he should no longer be commemorated in this way. But crucially – it doesn't matter what I think, it matters what our community thinks, and this was the first action from our community-led naming review. We'll be speaking to local residents about a new name for the gardens next year, and you can submit your ideas for people we should honour elsewhere on our website.

2020 has been tough, but amongst the challenges I have seen Hackney's spirit hold us together. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made this year – through giving your time to help others, helping to keep others safe or simply staying at home. Whether you are celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or neither, I wish you a peaceful and happy festive break.

Philip Glanville



Picture: Doug Peters PA Wire

Dig this! Deschanel wins BBC Jazz prize

FORMER Mossbourne Academy pupil Deschanel Gordon, 22, claimed the top BBC Young Jazz Musician 2020 prize at London's

Cadogan Hall last month. Hackney-born pianist Deschanel (pictured), who graduated from conservatoire Trinity Laban this year with

first-class honours, has collaborated with Mercury Prize-nominated SEED ensemble and trumpeter Mark Kavuma, as well as leading

his own trio at venues such as Ronnie Scott's. The socially-distanced final, part of the EFG London Jazz Festival, was held on 14 November.

Hackney Central gets second entrance

PLANs for a second entrance at Hackney Central station, which will help ease congestion and promote sustainable travel, moved a step closer after receiving planning approval earlier this month.

The proposals will see an additional entrance and ticket hall built on Council-owned land at 231-237 Graham Road, giving passengers direct access to the westbound platform of the station.

This additional entrance will help to ease passenger congestion and provide better and quicker walking routes to and from the town centre and at the interchange with Hackney Downs.

User surveys carried out by Transport for London (TfL) showed that around 30-35 per cent of existing

passengers would use the proposed new entrance instead of the existing route.

In addition to the planned entrance, new cycle parking, drinking fountains and public space will be created, including a number of new trees as part of the Council's commitment to tackle the climate emergency.

The new station entrance is being delivered in partnership between Hackney Council, TfL and Network Rail, with TfL applying for planning permission, an important step forward in delivering the temporary new entrance and will also be responsible for carrying out the building work.

Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, said: "By providing our own land to create a southern entrance, this partnership and joint



The second additional entrance at Graham Road (inset) will create long-term improvements and help ease congestion at the station

investment is the first part of a longer term solution to issues around the station – which will eventually unlock the opportunity to comprehensively refurbish the north side of the station to make sure it too provides the safe and welcoming arrival to Hackney Central

that passengers deserve."

Construction begins in the New Year with an opening in late 2021.

MORE INFO

For more information, visit: tfl.gov.uk/overground

Oh! Christmas Treats!

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1 & 5. Chatsworth Road;
2. Ridley Road Market;
3 & 4. Broadway Market

N16 POP UP

The new N16 Pop Up features a host of lively traders at your service, including the fabulous Monero Dolls, Swag Hats, Beautiful Flour, Queen Creations, JobilliActiveWear, Mariama by Mariama, Dutch Pot Cuisine and Zariah Catering Services.

147 Stoke Newington High Street, N16 0NY.

[facebook.com/popupN16](https://www.facebook.com/popupN16)

RAEBURN

Raeburn are a local fashion brand that takes pride in using responsibly sourced materials, manufacturers and minimising their carbon impact. Update your wardrobe with these stylish and planet-friendly designs.

Studio 1, The Textile Building, 29a Chatham Place, E9 6NY.

raeburndesign.co.uk

PAGES OF HACKNEY

You could enjoy hours of searching through this Alladin's Cave of literature but for those who are short on time they've also created a handy gift guide online.

70 Lower Clapton Road, E5 0RN. pagesofhackney.co.uk

GALLIVANT PERFUMES

Not sure which perfume to choose for your loved one?

Award-winning independent perfume maker Gallivant offers a perfume sample set for £25 and then a £25 discount on any full-size purchases.

Studio & Shop, Hackney Bridge, East Bay Lane, E15 2SJ.

gallivant-perfumes.com

METAL CRUMBLE

Metal Crumble have been designing and creating stunning jewellery in Hackney for over 25 years. This is the place to go if you want to make your Christmas shine!

13 Stoke Newington Church Street, Stoke Newington, N16 0NX. metalcrumble.com

MAKE TOWN

A hidden gem just off Morning Lane, Make Town is a bustling textiles and craft studio and they also sell fun activity kits to keep the kids busy over the Christmas period.

2a Chatham Place, London, E9 6LL. make.town

1. Monero Dolls at N16 Pop Up; 2. Swag Hats at N16 Pop Up; 3. Gallivant perfume; 4 & 5. Make Town kids craft kits; 6 & 7. Metal Crumble; 8. Pages of Hackney; 9. Raeburn



TAKE the hassle out of Christmas shopping this year and try out our new local business directory to plan your shopping trip or order from the comfort of your own home.

Whether you're buying something to keep the little ones amused or a special treat for yourself, the My Virtual Hackney business directory has something for everyone.

We've highlighted a handful of offers from the hundreds of local businesses ready to help you find the perfect gift.

MORE INFO

For more details, visit the 'My Virtual Hackney' business directory at: lovehackney.uk/shop-local

Remember to Shop Safe

Hands
Wash your hands regularly



Face
Wear a mask in shops and on public transport



Space
Keep a safe distance from others



Hackney's markets – where Santa stocks up!

WHAT better way to support your local market than making them your first stop shop for all your Christmas gifts.

Come rain, shine, snow, traders across all Hackney markets have shown true resilience throughout the year. From keeping up with new opening times, closures and embracing

covid-secure measures, they have really shown how passionate they are about bringing their business to the people of Hackney.

With second lockdown over, all non-essential sales are ready to be rung up and wrapped – many now with cashless payments.

For something unique,

great value and supports the livelihood of your friendly traders – make any of our markets the place where Santa stocks up.

And for a festive feast full of local produce – you can't get fresher than the local market for all the trimmings of a very merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS OPENING DATES

RIDLEY ROAD,
Mon-Sat, 8am-4pm
(4pm is last time of entry. The market doesn't have an official time for visitors to leave, as long as the traders finish, pack up and leave by 5pm)
CHATSWORTH ROAD,
Sun, 10am-4pm

BROADWAY MARKET,
Sat, 9am-5pm
HOXTON STREET MARKET,
Sat, 9am-5pm
WELL STREET MARKET,
Mon-Sat
Naz Faqiri's (pictured left) fruit and veg stall will be open throughout the period
KINGSLAND ROAD,
Sat, 8am-4pm

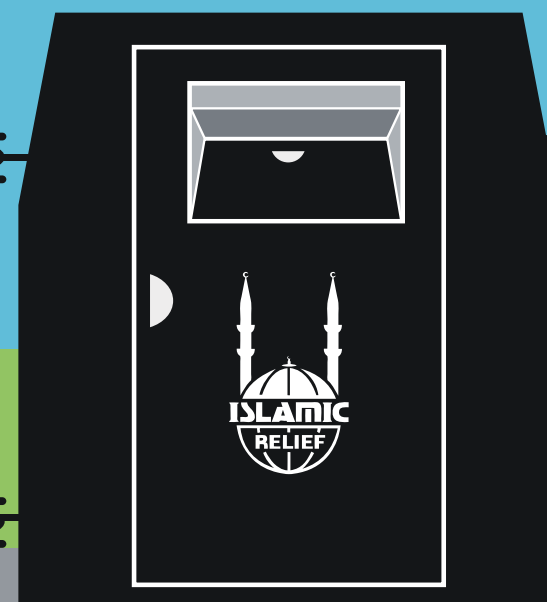
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“It’s great to be home”

Hackney-born champion cyclist Tao Geoghegan Hart on his love of the sport and getting more people on bikes



Pictured: Tao, outside the Hackney Empire. Right: in Milan with his Giro d'Italia prize, only the second British man to win it

By Emma Wynne

PEOPLE see me walking around Hackney and stop me to say congratulations. It's nice to come back and see that people where you're from are engaged in it, even when you're on the other side of Europe," says local professional cyclist and Giro d'Italia winner, Tao Geoghegan Hart.

Twenty-five-year-old Tao, who grew up in London Fields, became the youngest winner of a Grand Tour this summer, following his incredible feat in Milan.

"This is my first time back in the UK since the race," he says, in our interview over the phone. "I live in Andorra and spend most of my time abroad, so it's basically a holiday to come back

to Hackney and see my family and friends – it's very nice to see them."

An all-round talented sportsman, Tao has also swam the Channel and played football for Hackney Primary Schools District, but it's cycling that ultimately became his true passion. "I just love the endurance side of it and the training," he explains.

"Going out into the countryside and exploring – it's a very unique sport in that regard. It's something that really appealed to me."

Tao began competitive cycling at a national level in 2010 with Cycling Club Hackney. Two years later he won the Hackney Sports Personality of the Year at Hackney Sports Awards. Fresh from winning Olympic gold, boxer Anthony Joshua joined Tao on stage at the Hackney Empire to present him with his award.

“The more I’ve travelled, the more I’ve recognised how unique east London is for its green spaces”

"That was the most memorable thing for me – to meet a real Olympian and someone I'd followed that summer from London. He's someone I've looked up to ever since.

"We used to always go to the Hackney Empire with the school, and being up there it was nice to have that recognition from the borough," he enthuses.

When he's home, Tao enjoys making the most of Hackney's diverse parks and green spaces. "The more I've travelled, the more I've recognised how unique east London is for its green spaces," he states.

"Over the past few years, seeing the wetlands

open and the parks well protected, and the investment in Hackney Marshes is exactly where we need to go."

It also goes without saying that he believes cycling is the top way to explore these local areas and beyond.

"Riding a bike is the best way to get around the city – and the cheapest!" he adds. "Getting a secondhand bike can make everything more accessible, or people can use rental bikes, like the TfL bikes."

Healthwise, cycling gets your blood pumping while providing a way of commuting that's also

better for the planet. He adds: "If we can all do things that help our health and save us money, it's only going to help."

And if ever we needed a boost of activity, it's after this year. With anxiety levels at an all-time high and ever-increasing household restrictions, getting outside for a bit of daily exercise can do wonders for our well-being and mental health.

Tao agrees. "I'm a big proponent of people getting outside," he says. "After this year, with people's priorities changing and often being forced to spend more time at home, I think the silver lining can be that people really appreciate going outside."

"It connects you with everyone outside your front door, whether that's people or local businesses."

"There's always something we can do to

engage more with the community, and getting outside and exercising is a great way to start. It's so simple that we sometimes forget how important it can be," he says.

When he's not on his bike, he's flexing his culinary skills. "I really like cooking and I'm into my coffee," he says. "And like all people, I think a big part of my life is catching up with friends and family."

"We spend so much time travelling that it's great to be home, whether that's in Europe or Hackney."

With the Tokyo Olympics postponed to 2021 due to covid-19, he's excited for the new year. "Next year is an Olympic year, so that's definitely a great goal, there's so many opportunities in cycling."

"And I'm looking forward to getting more people involved in the sport, particularly in London."

You can **RECYCLE** all of these **ITEMS** from around your **HOME**



from your **BATHROOM**

Top tip:

- Put a **bag** or a **bin** in your bathroom **just for recycling**



from your **BEDROOM**

Top tip:

- Remember to recycle your **toiletries**



from your **KITCHEN**

Top tip:

- **Squash cans** to save space in your recycling



from your **LOUNGE**



If you are unsure about any items, want to check your collection day or order recycling bags, visit:
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Life under lockdown inspired Hackney's residents to unlock their creativity to document these unprecedented times

Art of the community



Above and left: artworks, photographs and paintings created by residents during the first lockdown earlier this year and sent in to the Council's website lovehackney.uk

AS LOCKDOWN loomed large throughout the year, Hackney's residents took to their creative side to find solace and escapism in art.

During the summer, the Council invited people to submit their creations from their new life under lockdown.

From sculptures to stories, poems to paintings, the series of submissions shone a light on the hotbed of talent in the borough.

The result was Life Under Lockdown, which featured on the Council's lovehackney.uk website and We Love Hackney Facebook page, and in the Council's Hackney Life and Hackney Today publications.

Mark Sealy, director of Shoreditch's Autograph Gallery, was very impressed with Life Under Lockdown and what it represented about our borough and this year.

He said: "It's great how Hackney has responded to

its creative communities.

"I think the relationship between the local authority and its residents is increasingly important and it's so important that people feel connected to their sense of place.

"What's also important about supporting local artists is that they provide new ways for people to share and understand these incredibly difficult times we are living through.

"Looking at the work these artists have produced

says very loud and clear that the closer we are to each other emotionally, creatively and spiritually – the better our world is."

Another artist took his inspiration from when the second lockdown began.

Local photographer Kristian Buus has created a project called '2x1 – lockdown London Fields by night'. It is a series of photographs of people on a park bench in London Fields taken during the second lockdown when people were allowed to

meet one other person.

There are also brief interviews with the people on the bench.

MORE INFO

To see more submissions for Life Under Lockdown, visit: lovehackney.uk or: [facebook.com/welovehackney](https://www.facebook.com/welovehackney). To see '2x1-lockdown London Fields by night', visit: kristianbuus.photoshelter.com/index

Christmas and New Year rubbish and recycling collections

Monday 21 December - Friday 25 December

Your collections will be one day earlier than usual

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 21 December	Sunday 20 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December <i>Christmas Day</i>	Thursday 24 December

Monday 28 December - Friday 1 January

There will be no changes if your usual collection day is Monday to Thursday. If your usual collection day is Friday, your collection will be one day later than usual

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Friday 1 January	Saturday 2 January

To find out about changes to estate cleansing dates please contact cleaner.estates@hackney.gov.uk

Christmas trees

Real Christmas trees can be collected for recycling. They are shredded and made into compost.

Real tree collection

Trees will be collected from your home from **4-15 January on your rubbish and recycling day**. Put your tree out on the front boundary of your property by **7am**, with all decorations removed. If you live in a block or estate, leave it next to your communal bins (not inside them), making sure you do not block access to the bins.

Normal garden waste collections will be suspended for this period (**4-15 January**), with standard service resuming on **18 January**.

Real tree drop-off

You can also take your tree to Millfields Depot, Millfields Road, E5 0AR from **4-30 January, 8am-3pm Mondays to Fridays, or 8am-12 noon on Saturdays**.



For the latest news on green issues, events, opportunities and consultations, sign up to the Greener Hackney e-newsletter:

hackney.gov.uk/newsletters

greenmatters

WHILE Christmas is a time for celebration, it is also a significant cause of excess waste like shiny wrapping paper, as well as unwanted or used-once gifts.

The Council is urging residents to follow some simple tips to help reduce waste over the festive period. This will help reduce the amount of waste sent for incineration and help tackle the climate emergency.

Food waste

TRY and use up any leftover food you have by making something new.

- For leftover recipes, check out: **lovefoodhatewaste.com**
- Use one of the Council's fox and rodent-proof food waste bins for any remaining leftover food.
- Order bins and free compostable bags at: **hackney.gov.uk/order-recycling-products**

Wrapping paper

WATCH out for metallic wrapping paper that is shiny or springs back when you touch it – it isn't recyclable because it's made from a combination of paper and thin metal, stuck together.

- Remember the 'scrunch rule' – if it stays scrunched then it's recyclable.
- Use gift bags or brown paper instead of shiny wrapping paper and reuse or recycle it if you can.

These recycling tips can help reduce the amount of excess waste during the holidays

Festive foresight

Unwanted gifts

- BUY pre-loved items in online apps or in local charities.
- Donate your items to charities or sale your unwanted items online.
- Book your free furniture reuse collection with Bright Sparks at: **hackney.gov.uk/bulky-waste**

Christmas rubbish and recycling collections

COLLECTIONS in the week running up to Christmas (Monday 21-Friday 25 December) will be one day earlier than usual to give the Council's waste crews a break for Christmas. There will be no changes to waste collections the following week, unless your collection falls on Friday 1 January (New Year's Day), in which case it will take place on Saturday 2 January.

Christmas tree collections

THE Council will collect real Christmas trees, which are shredded and made into compost. Residents should put their trees outside their property boundary by 7am on their normal collection day between 4 and 15 January.

News in brief



London Fields Lido will be open on Christmas morning

Enjoy a Christmas dip at West Reservoir and London Fields

LONDON Fields Lido and the West Reservoir will open on Christmas morning for those wishing to brave an invigorating morning swim.

After a year where leisure facilities have been closed for around four months in total, staff at each centre wanted to give a Christmas morning gift to the loyal swimmers who've missed out this year. It's the first time the facilities will open on Christmas Day.

Opening hours for other leisure facilities in Hackney have also been released, with the majority of facilities open every day apart from Christmas Day.

Cllr Chris Kennedy, Hackney Council Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure, said: "I'd like to thank leisure staff for their incredibly hard work to keep leisure facilities open and safe over what has been a remarkably challenging year, and for their amazing gesture to open our two open-air swimming facilities as a Christmas gift to those who want to brave a Christmas morning swim."

"I look forward to seeing residents post pictures of their festive swim on social media. What better way to start the day?"

Booking for Christmas and New Year's Day swims will open a week before each session. Visit: **hackney.gov.uk/festive-season-opening-times/#leisure** for details and Christmas opening hours of facilities in Hackney.

Your questions answered! Fortnightly waste collections

Find out more at:
hackney.gov.uk/waste-changes

WASTE collections are set to change in spring 2021 in an effort to encourage residents to increase the amount they recycle.

From spring, waste collections will switch to every two weeks at on-street properties – houses or houses converted into flats. Green sack recycling and food waste collections will remain weekly. As well as

increasing recycling rates, using food waste services will help residents reduce smells and keep other bins clean. As part of the changes, the Council will give each on-street household a 180-litre wheeled bin – double the size of a standard round dustbin, giving households a maximum of five-to-six black bin bags worth of space every fortnight.

How will you let people know about these changes?

In January, a team of door-knockers will visit all properties affected by the changes to discuss them with you. Residents will receive a leaflet through the post in January, and a full pack and collection calendar in February.

I have my own bin. What will I do with it when people are given new wheelie bins?

We will collect and recycle it for you if you book a collection. Details of how to do this will be shared in the new year.

Will my rubbish get smelly and attract vermin?

Using a separate food waste bin will stop smells in your rubbish bin. Order one now at: **hackney.gov.uk/order-recycling-products**


Are you doing this to save money?

No. These changes are aimed at increasing recycling rates and protecting the planet from the effects of waste disposal.

What if I have a disability and find it difficult to use wheelie bins?

We will find alternative solutions for older people or those with disabilities. Please get in touch with us using the details we share through the post in the new year.

You can now **RECYCLE** all of these plastic items from your **KITCHEN**

Order green sacks or reusable recycling bags at
 www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling
or call **020 8356 6688**



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 **recycle for London** **Hackney**

Making time for play

Restrictions shouldn't stop children from learning and developing

THIS year's lockdown restrictions have been tough to say the least. But we must ensure that our children are getting the right exercise and encouragement that they need as we continue to get to grips with the ongoing pandemic.

Play time is not only important for their physical well-being, but it's also invaluable to their social development and their ability to make friends.

The need to play is an innate urge in every child. Play provides opportunity

for children to navigate the world and make sense of themselves and their surroundings. The need for play is critical if we are to counterbalance the impact of covid-19 on their health and growth.

Play has great therapeutic value for children enabling them to work through trauma, explore identity, develop physical and cognitive skills, creativity and resilience, in their own way and at their own pace. Encouraging your children to make friends is the greatest gift that you can give them.

Change 4 Life – Fun Games to get kids moving

Inspired by everyone's Disney and Pixar film favourites, Change 4 Life has produced 10-Minute Shake Up: games that are fun for all the family – and a great way to stay active, indoors or out!

nhs.uk/change4life



How to support your child in play

YOU are the biggest supporters of your children's learning.

You can make sure they have as much time to play as possible during the day to promote cognitive, language, physical, social, and emotional development:

- **Think** about how you can give your child as much freedom and control in their play. Allow them to play in their own way;
- **Encourage** your child to come up with their own solutions to help look after themselves and others;
- **Children** love to be able to manipulate and adapt the environment for themselves. Can you provide opportunity for your child to build/adapt a space/use an item in a different way?;
- **Involve** your child in the decision making process. Children's participation increases ownership of their play spaces and the ability to feel in control as far as is reasonably practicable;
- **Trust** your own playful instincts. Give your children time for play and see all that they are capable of when given the opportunity.

Youth Sport Trust – After School Sports Club

Try some new sport activities, learn some new skills and, most importantly, have fun! The club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports. Every day at 5pm until 18 December, children and young people can join in with the live broadcast for free on the YST's YouTube channel.

youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust

Ideas to for play activities

FOR inspiration, think back to the things that you enjoyed doing when you were playing as a child. As well as using your own experiences there are a number of useful online resources to support your child's play. These include:

Young Hackney PlayTastic Videos:

these videos feature activities range from arts and crafts based play (such as finger knitting, make a leaf rose crown) to musical (for example, make a soda bottle guitar) and active based play.

bit.ly/37Vbxd8

Young Hackney online hub:

a programme of virtual activities for young people, from games and sports to discussions and quizzes.

younghackney.org/campaign/online-youth-hub

Draw with Rob: a series of draw-along videos from author/illustrator Rob Biddulph that young people can watch and draw along with. New draw along videos are posted every Saturday at 10am.

bit.ly/3711cga

Nature play activities

PLAY England has produced play activity recipe cards to help children and young people explore nature. The cards include play ideas for active play, building activities, cooking, creative play and messy play. playengland.net/resource/nature-play-activity-recipes/

More support for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils as they approach exams

IT HAS been a challenging period for Year 11 and Year 13 pupils. The pandemic hit as they were in Year 10 and Year 12, disrupting learning in the Spring and Summer of 2020. Schools and colleges were delighted to welcome them all back in September for the final year of their courses.

The Government has confirmed a later start to their exams in 2021 and that pupils would get more notice of exam content, there would be more generous grading

and that arrangements for any absence would be put in place.

As well as considering exams the pupils have had to think about where they will next study and for those in Year 13 they will be considering employment, training or higher education.

A big thank you to our school sixth forms and our two Hackney colleges: Bsix and New City College, Hackney, for all they are doing to support pupils to make the right choice for their future.

500 schools take up Council's Black British History curriculum

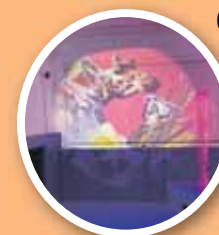
IN JUST one month, over 500 schools in the UK have joined forces with Hackney Council to diversify the school curriculum with the aim of ensuring Black British history is taught in all schools. 'Hackney's Diverse Curriculum – the Black Contribution' is a nine-week lesson plan spanning from Early Years to Key Stage 3 and 4 students. Developed by the Council and local teachers, the packs were delivered to all Hackney



schools in October and are also available to teachers across the UK.

ARP unit opens at Queensbridge School to help children with SEND

The new Additional Resourced Provision (ARP) unit has opened at Queensbridge School. The ARP provides space for up to 10 primary age children on the autistic spectrum. More than had £250,000 has been invested in the unit to ensure that it provides suitably for the children with special educational needs and disability (SEND). The pupils will spend a mix of time between the unit and mainstream classes at



Queensbridge. Headteacher Sarah Bailey said: "It offers a fantastic opportunity to bridge the gap between specialist provision and mainstream and gives the children high-quality support as well as upskilling staff and providing outreach for parents and families across the borough." The unit is one of three projects to provide additional SEND places. The other two are Gainsborough School and the Garden School.

You can RECYCLE CARD & PAPER from around your HOME



from your BATHROOM

Top tip:

- Put a **bag** or a **bin** in your bathroom just for recycling



from your BEDROOM

Top tip:

- Remember to recycle your **toiletries** and **tissue boxes**



from your KITCHEN

Top tip:

- **Flatten boxes** to save space in your recycling



from your LOUNGE

Top tip:

- **Cardboard packing** from your online orders can also be recycled



If you are unsure about any items or want to check a collection day visit www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling



Sign up to the Young Hackney e-newsletter:
hackney.gov.uk/newsletters

younghackney

Young Hackney has a packed programme of fun and support

December will be magic!

THIS festive season the Young Hackney team will be providing lots of fun and support for children and young people in the borough.

This includes Christmas and end-of-year celebrations, awards ceremonies, support groups, online activities and much more.

All of the Young Hackney hubs and adventure playgrounds will remain open until 22 December, but due to the restrictions in place, spaces are limited and sessions will operate on a first-come first-served basis.

In order to attend sessions young people must pre-register and wait for confirmation via text or phone call before attending.

To pre-register for a session please call the Young Hackney team on: 020 8356 7404, 9am-5pm or email them anytime at: yh.online@hackney.gov.uk.

If you are not able to attend a session but still want to speak to a member of the team you can visit the drop-in sessions taking place throughout December.

Young people will be able to speak to a youth worker face-to-face and access support if needed.

These drop-in sessions run from 3:30pm-6pm, Mon-Fri at The Edge Youth Hub and Forest Road Youth Hub.

All Young Hackney hubs and adventure playgrounds will close for the Christmas break and reopen again in the new year on 4 January.

Young Hackney Online Youth Hub will continue to run throughout the festive period with exciting videos and tutorials for young people to take part in.

The virtual hub was created to make sure Hackney's young people still have the opportunity to unwind, have fun and see friends online.

MORE INFO

Visit the Young Hackney website for more information at: younghackney.org/campaign/online-youth-hub

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUNDS OPENING TIMES

ADVENTURE playgrounds will be open until Tuesday 22 December. Please note all sessions at the playgrounds will be running at a limited capacity, unfortunately once this capacity has been reached the team will not be able to allow anyone else in the session.

TIMES:

Shoreditch Adventure Playground,
Tue to Fri 4pm-6pm, Sat 2pm-4pm

Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground*, Tue to Fri:
3.30pm-5pm and 5.30pm-7pm, Sat:
11:30am-1pm and 1:30pm-3pm

*Hackney Marsh Adventure playground will also be open on the 28 & 29 December for their annual post-Christmas sessions.

Young Hackney Health & Well-being Service

YOUNG Hackney's Health & Well-being Team will be running drop-in sessions at Forest Road Youth Hub on Mondays and The Edge Youth Hub on Tuesdays throughout December.

These sessions are an opportunity for young people to have a one-to-one chat around all things relating to health and

well-being. Including mental and physical health, emotional well-being and sexual health/contraception.

All support and advice is completely confidential. If you would like more information or to speak to a member of the team please contact the team on: hwbteam@hackney.gov.uk

Young Hackney Young Carers

THROUGHOUT December the Young Hackney will be offering two weekly groups for young carers on Wednesdays (at the Forest Road Youth Hub) and

Thursdays (online). As well as a friendly catch up, games and fun, young carers can also access training and practical life skills during these.

Young adult carers, aged 16-25 can also access an online drop-in session every other Tuesday

5.30pm-6.30pm. Parents and guardians of Young Carers can also take part in a fortnightly coffee morning on a Thursday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing Young Hackney will also be running a Deaf Parents Group every other Friday. For more information about any of these groups please email the team at: yh.youngcarers@hackney.gov.uk or get in touch with by phone, text or WhatsApp: 0208 356 4800/07971 450372. You can find more information about Young Hackney Young Carers at: younghackney.org/advice/young-carers.

Young Hackney Substance Misuse Service

THE Young Hackney Substance Misuse Team is available every day for support and advice on all things related to drugs and alcohol. This support will continue to run throughout December and over the Christmas period.

The team aims to provide you with the facts about drugs and alcohol so you are equipped to make informed choices. If

you're worried about your own substance misuse or someone else's over please call the advice and referral line on: 0208 356 7377. You can also email the team on: yhsms@hackney.gov.uk and visit their page on the Young Hackney website for more information and helpful podcasts: younghackney.org/advice/drugs-alcohol.

Support over the festive period

ALTHOUGH the festive period is a time of happiness and laughter for many, for others it can be quite a challenging time for different reasons like feeling lonely or sad. If you are a young person who is struggling this Christmas break please reach out to these organisations who are on hand to

provide free, confidential support:
 Young Minds: youngminds.org.uk
 Childline: childline.org.uk
 City & Hackney CAMHS: cityandhackneycamhs.org.uk



Hackney's executive **Mayor Philip Glanville** was directly elected by the borough in 2018. He is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services. The Mayor holds monthly casework surgeries in the Town Hall. To book an appointment, email: mayor@hackney.gov.uk; or call: **020 8356 2212**. Residents are first encouraged to contact their ward councillor. Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of Hackney. The current Speaker is Cllr Kam Adams.

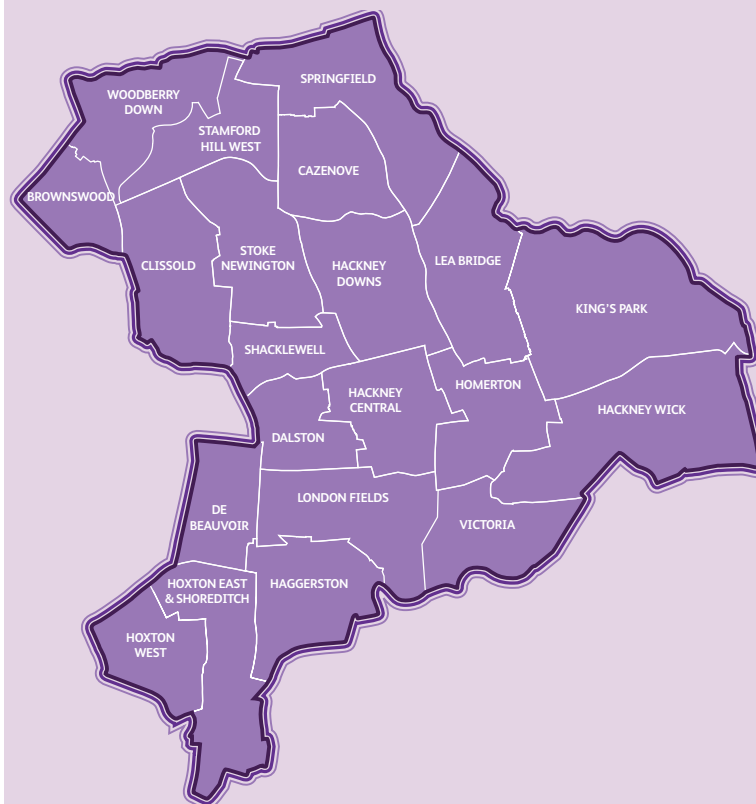


MAYOR PHILIP GLANVILLE

UPDATE ON SURGERIES

Physical surgeries have been replaced by virtual surgeries due to coronavirus but some wards are starting to offer face-to-face surgeries again. For more information, email your local councillor using the format **'firstname.lastname@hackney.gov.uk'** or call **0208 356 3373** to arrange a phone or video call, or book a face-to-face surgery appointment if it is available.

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order



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| 1. BROWNWOOD | 9. HAGGERSTON | 16. SHACKLEWELL |
| 2. CAZENOVE | 10. HOMERTON | 17. SPRINGFIELD |
| 3. CLISSOLD | 11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH | 18. STAMFORD HILL WEST |
| 4. DALSTON | 12. HOXTON WEST | 19. STOKE NEWINGTON |
| 5. DE BEAUVOIR | 13. KING'S PARK | 20. VICTORIA |
| 6. HACKNEY CENTRAL | 14. LEA BRIDGE | 21. WOODBERRY DOWN |
| 7. HACKNEY DOWNS | 15. LONDON FIELDS | |
| 8. HACKNEY WICK | | |

Councillors are elected by residents and serve for four years. The last borough-wide elections took place in May 2018. Councillors have a range of responsibilities, including helping to oversee Council services. Residents can contact their local representative and ask them to take up issues of concern. Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, councillors can often point people in the right direction and tell residents who they need to see. Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – see map left.

1. BROWNWOOD



Contact Cllr Brian Bell on email: brian.bell@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Clare Potter on email: clare.potter@hackney.gov.uk

6. HACKNEY CENTRAL



Contact Cllr Ben Hayhurst on email: ben.hayhurst@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Vincent Stops on email: vincent.stops@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Sophie Conway on email: sophie.conway@hackney.gov.uk

2. CAZENOVE



Contact Cllr Anthony McMahon on email: anthony.mcmahon@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Sam Pallis on email: sam.pallis@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Caroline Woodley on email: caroline.woodley@hackney.gov.uk

7. HACKNEY DOWNS



Contact Cllr Michael Desmond on email: michael.desmond@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Anna-Joy Rickard on email: anna-joy.rickard@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Sem Moema on email: sem.moema@hackney.gov.uk

3. CLISSOLD



Contact Cllr Sophie Cameron on email: sophie.cameron@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Kofo David on email: kofo.david@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Sade Etti on email: sade.etti@hackney.gov.uk

8. HACKNEY WICK



Contact Cllr Christopher Kennedy on email: christopher.kennedy@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Jess Webb on email: jessica.webb@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Nick Sharman on email: nick.sharman@hackney.gov.uk

11. HOXTON EAST & SHOREDITCH



Contact Cllr Kam Adams on email: kam.adams@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Stephen Race on email: steve.race@hackney.gov.uk

14. LEA BRIDGE



Contact Cllr Margaret Gordon on email: margaret.gordon@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Ian Rathbone on email: ian.rathbone@hackney.gov.uk or call: 07890 654 068.

Contact Cllr Deniz Oguzkanli on email: deniz.oguzkanli@hackney.gov.uk

19. STOKE NEWINGTON



Contact Cllr Susan Fajana-Thomas on email: susan.fajanathomas@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Mete Coban on email: mete.coban@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Gilbert Smyth on email: gilbert.smyth@hackney.gov.uk

4. DALSTON



Contact Cllr Soraya Adejare on email: soraya.adejare@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Peter Snell on email: peter.snell@hackney.gov.uk Or call: 07941 179 129.

9. HAGGERSTON



Contact Cllr Ajay Chauhan on email: ajay.chauhan@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Humaira Garasia on email: humaira.garasia@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Patrick Spence on email: patrick.spence@hackney.gov.uk

12. HOXTON WEST



Contact Cllr Clayeon McKenzie on email: clayeon.mckenzie@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Carole Williams on email: carole.williams@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Yvonne Maxwell on email: yvonne.maxwell@hackney.gov.uk

15. LONDON FIELDS



Contact Cllr Anntoinette Bramble on email: anntoinette.bramble@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Can Ozsen on email: mcan.ozsen@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Emma Plouviez on email: emma.plouviez@hackney.gov.uk

20. VICTORIA



Contact Cllr Katie Hanson on email: katie.hanson@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Clare Joseph on email: clare.joseph@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Penny Wrout on email: penny.wrout@hackney.gov.uk

5. DE BEAUVOIR



Contact Cllr Polly Billington on email: polly.billington@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr James Peters on email: james.peters@hackney.gov.uk

10. HOMERTON



Contact Cllr Robert Chapman on email: robert.chapman@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Guy Nicholson on email: guy.nicholson@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Anna Lynch on email: anna.lynch@hackney.gov.uk

13. KING'S PARK



Contact Cllr Sharon Patrick on email: sharon.patrick@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Rebecca Rennison on email: rebecca.rennison@hackney.gov.uk

16. SHACKLEWELL



Contact Cllr Michelle Gregory on email: michelle.gregory@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Richard Lufkin on email: richard.lufkin@hackney.gov.uk

21. WOODBERRY DOWN



Contact Cllr Jon Burke on email: jon.burke@hackney.gov.uk

Contact Cllr Caroline Selman on email: caroline.selman@hackney.gov.uk

Recipes straight from the ovens at Waterhouse

www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk



THIS is the latest in a series of regular recipes courtesy of Waterhouse – a social enterprise restaurant alongside the Regent's Canal in Shoreditch. A Waterhouse favourite, normally served with seasonal greens. A perfect winter stew for all the family to enjoy over the winter holiday. Flavours reminiscent of Christmas with added cinnamon and all spice-Lean mince can be used instead of beef chunks.

Holiday beef stew

Serves: 4

Preparation time
20 mins



Cooking time
3-4 hours of using meat chunks. If using beef mince, cook for 40-45 mins



Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 onions, diced
- ½ celery stick, sliced
- ½ tsp of ground cinnamon
- ½ tsp of all spice
- 2 bulbs of garlic, peeled and smashed
- 500g beef, diced
- 700ml beef stock (or chicken)
- 500g carrots, peeled and cut into small chunky pieces
- 250g parsnip, peeled and diced
- 3 thyme sprigs
- 1 bay leaf
- If using mince – 400g of beef mince and 400g tin of chopped tomatoes

Method

- Heat some vegetable oil in a sling proof oven dish in the medium to high heat. Add the onions and carrots until it turns a little brown – remove the vegetables from the dish.
- In the same dish to brown the beef chunks or beef mince and brown all over for 3-4 minutes. Add the stock if using beef chunks or chopped tomatoes if using mince.
- Toss in the parsnip, thyme, ground cinnamon or you can use a cinnamon stick and a bay leaf.
- Season and bring it to a boil. Allow the stew to simmer and cover it with a lid. Leave to cook for 1 hour.
- Allow the stew to reduce a little and increase the heat and cook for another 15 minutes.
- Serve with some crusty bread or a side of seasonal greens.

Waterhouse - through Blue Marble Training - supports young people across the borough towards careers in the restaurant industry. Owned by Shoreditch Trust, income from this enterprise goes back into training programmes across the borough. Waterhouse in Orsman Road, N1, is open Mon to Fri 9am - 3pm. Evenings and weekends

available for large bookings and private events. For more information, visit: www.waterhouserestaurant.co.uk For bookings e-mail: eat@waterhouserestaurant.co.uk; or call: 020 7033 0123.



WaterHouse Restaurant

Have your say on the allocation of social housing

LOCAL residents are being encouraged to have their say on changes to how social housing is allocated in Hackney, as part of Council plans to ensure that support for people in housing meets the challenges caused by the housing crisis.

With house prices in Hackney growing more than in any other part of the country, the proposals aim to simplify the allocation of social housing and ensure homes for social rent go to those who need them most.

Current housing demand means that many people on the housing register will never receive social housing and those who do may wait many years. This wait has increased despite Council efforts to tackle the housing shortage through one of the most ambitious programme of Council housebuilding in the country and its

pioneering #BetterRenting campaign to provide more security for private renters.

The plans will therefore also aim to ensure that those who miss out don't get left behind, but instead receive more advice and support to find accommodation through other options.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Rebecca Rennison, Cabinet Member for Finance, Housing Needs and Supply, said: "We are doing everything we can to try and match the demand for social housing, but without concrete action from central Government we cannot fix this crisis on our own."

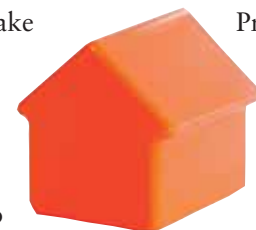
"Our proposals are intended to make sure that we continue to allocate social housing based on fairness and to

those in greatest need. But they also aim to avoid raising expectations that can't be met."

To read the proposals and give your views, visit: consultation.hackney.gov.uk. If you do not have internet access and need a paper copy of the consultation form please call: 020 8356 3000.

You can also speak to Council officers at Q&A sessions that we will be holding on:
12 January 2021 7-8:30pm
27 January 2021 12noon-1:30pm
9 February 2021 6-7:30pm
24 February 2021 4:30-6pm.

Pre-register at: consultation.hackney.gov.uk/communications-and-consultation/social-housing-online-sessions.



Meetings

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

14	Cabinet	6pm
14	Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission	7pm
15	Licensing sub-committee	2pm
16	Corporate committee	6.30pm
17	Licensing sub-committee	2pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS IN JANUARY

5	Licensing sub-committee	2pm
6	Health in Hackney scrutiny commission	7pm
7	Licensing sub-committee	2pm

12	Licensing sub-committee	7pm
12	Children and young people scrutiny commission	7pm
13	Planning sub-committee	6.30pm
13	Audit committee	6.30pm
14	Integrated commissioning board	10am
14	Pensions committee	6.30pm
14	Licensing sub-committee	7pm
18	Cabinet procurement committee	5pm
18	Living in Hackney scrutiny commission	7pm

Info: 020 8356 3316/3302/3312; or visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/council-and-elections

Sudoku

For solutions see:
www.hackney.gov.uk/hackney-today

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